

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 9 and 11, and add new Claim 13 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A vibration type driving apparatus comprising:
a vibration body which generates vibration by supplying a driving signal to an electro-mechanical energy converting element; and
a contact body which contacts the vibration body and is moved ~~driven~~ by vibration received from the vibration body,
wherein the vibration body comprises a base portion having the electro-mechanical energy converting element and a plurality of vibration amplification portions for amplifying vibration generated at the base portion, and
~~the neighboring vibration amplification portions of the plurality of vibration amplification portions~~ are connected at a position different from a connecting position of each vibration amplification portion with the base portion ~~in the driving direction of the contact body~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The vibration type driving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein vibration at the base portion is vibration which displaces some of the plurality of vibration amplification portions in a direction different from the moving ~~driving~~ direction of the contact body, and

the plurality of vibration amplification portions are connected so as to transmit the displacement of ~~the~~ each vibration amplification portion by vibration at the base portion.

3. (Currently Amended) The vibration type driving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the vibration at the base portion is vibration whereby a wave appears along a line passing through the center of a plane substantially parallel to the moving ~~driving~~ plane of the contact body, and

the plurality of vibration amplification portions are connected so as to transmit the displacement of ~~the~~ each vibration amplification portion by vibration at the base portion.

4. (Original) The vibration type driving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein vibration at the base portion is a traveling wave generated by combining a plurality of standing waves which are generated in such a way that one node is formed at the same position.

5. (Original) The vibration type driving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein vibration generated at the vibration body is a primary traveling wave.

6. (Currently Amended) The vibration type driving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ each vibration amplification portion is located at a position that satisfies a the following relationship on the base portion:

$$Z(r) \times dZ(r)/dr \geq 0,$$

where r is a distance from the center of the base portion to the vibration amplification portion and Z(r) is an amount of displacement of the base portion in a direction perpendicular to a contact plane between the vibration body and the contact body.

7. (Original) The vibration type driving apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the plurality of vibration amplification portions are arranged at a position within a range of 1/4 wavelength from the center of the base portion outward with respect to the node of the standing wave.

8. (Currently Amended) The vibration type driving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of vibration amplification portions are arranged along a circumference of a circle centering on ~~at positions of concentric circles with respect to the~~ center of the base portion.

9. (Currently Amended) The vibration type driving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of vibration amplification portions are fixed to a fixed portion formed ~~integral~~ integrally with the vibration amplification portions.

10. (Original) The vibration type driving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the plurality of vibration amplification portions are formed as a single piece.

11. (Currently Amended) The vibration type driving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the base portion is structured in such a way that rigidity of ~~the~~ an area located in ~~the~~ an antinode of ~~the~~ a standing wave is ~~smaller~~ less than a rigidity of other areas.

12. (Original) The vibration type driving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the base portion consists of only an electro-mechanical energy converting element.

13. (New) The vibration type driving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the respective amplification portions protrude from the base portion and have columnar shapes.